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1	HOUSE BILL NO. 276
2	INTRODUCED BY M. CAFERRO
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4	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ADDING TWO LICENSED - <u>CERTIFIED</u> BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
5	PEER SUPPORT SPECIALISTS TO THE BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH; INCORPORATING
6	BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PEER SUPPORT INTO THE BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DUTIES; AND
7	AMENDING SECTIONS 2-15-1744 AND 3-22-201, MCA."
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9	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
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11	Section 1. Section 2-15-1744, MCA, is amended to read:
12	"2-15-1744. Board of behavioral health. (1) (a) The governor shall appoint, with the consent of the
13	senate, a board of behavioral health consisting of nine-11 members.
14	(b) Three members must be licensed social workers, and three must be licensed professional
15	counselors. At least one of these members who is licensed as a social worker or professional counselor must
16	also be licensed as a marriage and family therapist.
17	(c) One member must be appointed from and represent the general public and may not be engaged
18	in social work.
19	(d) Two members must be licensed addiction counselors.
20	(e) Two members must be licensed CERTIFIED behavioral health peer support specialists.
21	(2) The board is allocated to the department for administrative purposes only as provided in 2-15-121
22	(3) Members shall serve staggered 4-year terms."
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24	SECTION 2. SECTION 37-22-201, MCA, IS AMENDED TO READ:
25	"37-22-201. Duties of board. The board:
26	(1) shall recommend prosecutions for violations of 37-22-411, 37-23-311, and Title 37, chapter 35,
27	and Title 37, chapter 37 chapters 35, 37, and 38, to the attorney general or the appropriate county attorney, or
28	both;



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(2) shall meet at least once every 3 months to perform the duties described in Title 37, chapters 1, 23, 35, and 37, and 38, and this chapter. The board may, once a year by a consensus of board members, determine that there is no necessity for a board meeting.

(3) shall adopt rules that set professional, practice, and ethical standards for social workers, marriage and family therapists, addiction counselors, and professional counselors, and behavioral health peer support specialists and other rules as may be reasonably necessary for the administration of <u>Title 37</u>, chapters 23, 35, and 38, and this chapter; and

(4) may adopt rules governing the issuance of licenses of special competence in particular areas of practice as a licensed professional counselor. The board shall establish criteria for each particular area for which a license is issued."

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